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Dashing through the snow

Francis and Rita Dallaire brought their big father-and-son team to Elk Point on Sunday to take participants in the Elk Point Baptist Church Christmas Carnival for numerous tours through the snowbank-lined streets, with sleighbells jingling merrily and their woodstove sending a plume of smoke into the frosty air.

Cabinet post for Danyluk

By Rachel de Waal
Review Contributor

Local politicians are confident that Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk will do well as the new minister of municipal affairs and housing.

"I think it's great for our constituency," said County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard. "I know that Ray is very capable and I'm sure he'll do a great job."

On March 12, 2001, Danyluk was elected an MLA and now, less than six years later, the former reeve and school board trustee has been appointed to his first cabinet position.

MLA Ray Danyluk

Ed Stelmach was sworn in as Alberta's new premier last Thursday and on Friday he announced his cabinet. Stelmach reduced the cabinet to 18 positions, down from 24, by combining several ministries. Danyluk will be responsible for maintaining municipal affairs, affordable housing programs, libraries, and community and voluntary sector services.

The ministry places sixth in order of precedence in Stelmach's cabinet, according to a government news release.

"He's the right person for the portfolio," said St. Paul Mayor John Trefanenko. "Housing has always been one of his strong points."

One of Stelmach's five priorities as Alberta's 13th premier is to manage growth pressures. A key action for this will be the creation of a housing task force to increase the availability of affordable housing, said the release. Another priority is building a stronger Alberta and this will include developing a long-term sustainable funding arrangement with municipalities.

These actions fall into Danyluk's new job description, but both Trefanenko and Bouchard have no doubt that the local MLA can handle the responsibility.

Trefanenko said that Danyluk has always supported municipalities, both rural and urban.

"Municipal affairs will be a challenging position," said Bouchard. "It's going to be a big job, but I'm sure Ray will come to the plate."

Attempts by the St. Paul Journal to contact Danyluk for comment on his appointment prior to press deadline were unsuccessful.

Town approves 2007 operating budget

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

figures, not sugarplums, danced in the heads of Elk Point town council on Monday, Dec. 11, as they approved their 2007 operating budget.

"We've spent five-and-a-half hours on it in the past two days," Mayor Parrish Tung said, as the results of their lengthy deliberations came up for a vote after the passage of three preliminary motions,

With Elk Point's centennial coming up in the new year, Council agreed to allocate $10,000 toward the celebration, which is being planned by a joint Centennial/Canada Day committee.

Elk Point residents will share the increased cost o waste disposal, with the increase in the garbage rate from $12 to $15 per month.

The cost of cemetery plots also took a jump, from $600 to $800.

The new budget allows for the 37¢-per-capita increase in Northern Lights Library System levy, which Council agreed to support.

Capital projects for the coming year are still under discussion, with a motion approved to start the preparation of the necessary bylaws for debenture borrowing to install curb and gutter on 56A Ave. Residents in the affected area will again be consulted on the project which was put on hold earlier this year.

Two requests for rezoning were discussed. The administration was asked to prepare a bylaw for rezoning three lots east of 50 Street on 51 Avenue, while a request for both the trade of a parcel of land for property now owned by the town, and the subsequent rezoning, was turned down. Council agreed that they might agree to sell the property in question, however.

Elk Point Minor Ball was the only group to host a provincial tournament this year, and will benefit from the entire 2006 provincials hosting grant in the amount of $2,000.

The 2006 Santas Anonymous campaign, organized by the Community Lions of Elk Point, will once again receive a $200 boost from the Town.

Another annual grant, the Organizations Operating Grant, o funded jointly by the town and county, was shared among a number of grateful groups, with all available funds allocated.

The mayor and council will be sending a letter of congratulations to premier-elect Ed Stelmach, which will be signed by all of them.

The resignation of Lesia Porcina from he Economic Development Committee was accepted with regret.

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Go fish!

A tiny tot gets some help with a big fish at Elk Point Baptist Church Christmas Carnival's ice fishing pond.

Early deadline

Due to the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays, the deadline for advertising and news submissions for the Wednesday, Dec. 27s paper will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The deadline for the January 2 paper will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

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Council discusses supporting County halls

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

County of St. Paul councillors discussed the need to continue supporting halls throughout the County, after one hall requested funding from the County to help cover insurance costs, at last Thursday's County meeting.

The Armistice Community Hall requested the County help pay insurance costs that cannot all be covered with the current grant the County gives halls. After discussing the issue, Reeve Robert Bouchard asked that the $600 grant currently being given to halls be reviewed.

"We have to site down as a council . . . We have to try to help our communities," said Bouchard.

Coun. Frank Sloan said that he would like to see halls receive a percentage of insurance costs paid for, as opposed to all halls receiving the same $600 set amount.

"I think we've go to invest," said Coun. Glen Ockerman of the issue.

Coun. Alphonse Corbiere later said, "People want to come back (to small communities)," and the County should support those communities and halls.

County increases gravel rates

Council passed a motion bringing gravel rates up by nearly $25 per 10-yard load.

"You can't afford to keep operating services and lose money out of it," said County CAO Kim Heyman after the meeting.

Previously, a 10-yard load of gravel cost $76.80. Now, the same load will cost $101.70. A $1.25 per yard increase was added to the gravel, plus an increase in distance being traveled.

CAO salary increase

In last month's council minutes, following an in camera session, council approved a motion to increase the County CAO's salary by $20,000 per year.

The increase was "effective November 1, 2006, to bring the salary range up to the provincial average," according to County minutes.

Krekoski road maintenance

County ratepayer Wayne Krekoski approached council Thursday to discuss fixing the road that passes his home, north of St. Paul located at NW 26-58-99-W4.

"I am frustrated by the lack of due diligence," said Krekoski.

In the spring, water floods the road and over time has caused a large dip in the road, he explained. He added that one of two culverts had been snagged and wrecked by a grater trying to fix the road.

"My problem is the water is backed up, the culverts were destroyed," he told council. He added that "as a result of years of neglect" the water has washed the road away.

But, Krekoski told County that he feels it is a consensus of surrounding residents that a new road should not be built, but repairs to the current road should be made instead.

"We're going to look at it again this spring," said Bouchard.

Library funding

A motion to accept a $0.15 per capita increase by the Northern Lights Library System was carried by council, Thursday.

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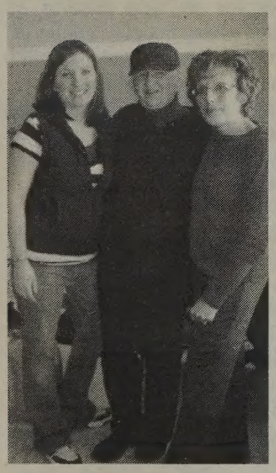
Helping hands reach out

Elk Point Baptist Church missions committee members (left to right) Rosemary Quist, Loretta Moores, Monica Classen and June Lenihan display some of the food hampers which will be going to St. Paul Food Bank, which helps needy families in the St. Paul and Elk Point areas.

E-Can workers help out

Tammy Legault of E-Can Oilfield Services (right) presents a cheque for $564 donated by employees attending the company's Christmas social, to Elk Point Community Lions Santas Anonymous representative Susan Frisby.

Vicki Brooker photos



Volunteer delivery drivers Shannon and Courtney Dubeau, who transport food bank donations to St. Paul each month, get a big hug from June Lenihan.

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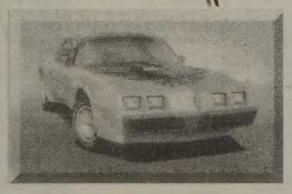

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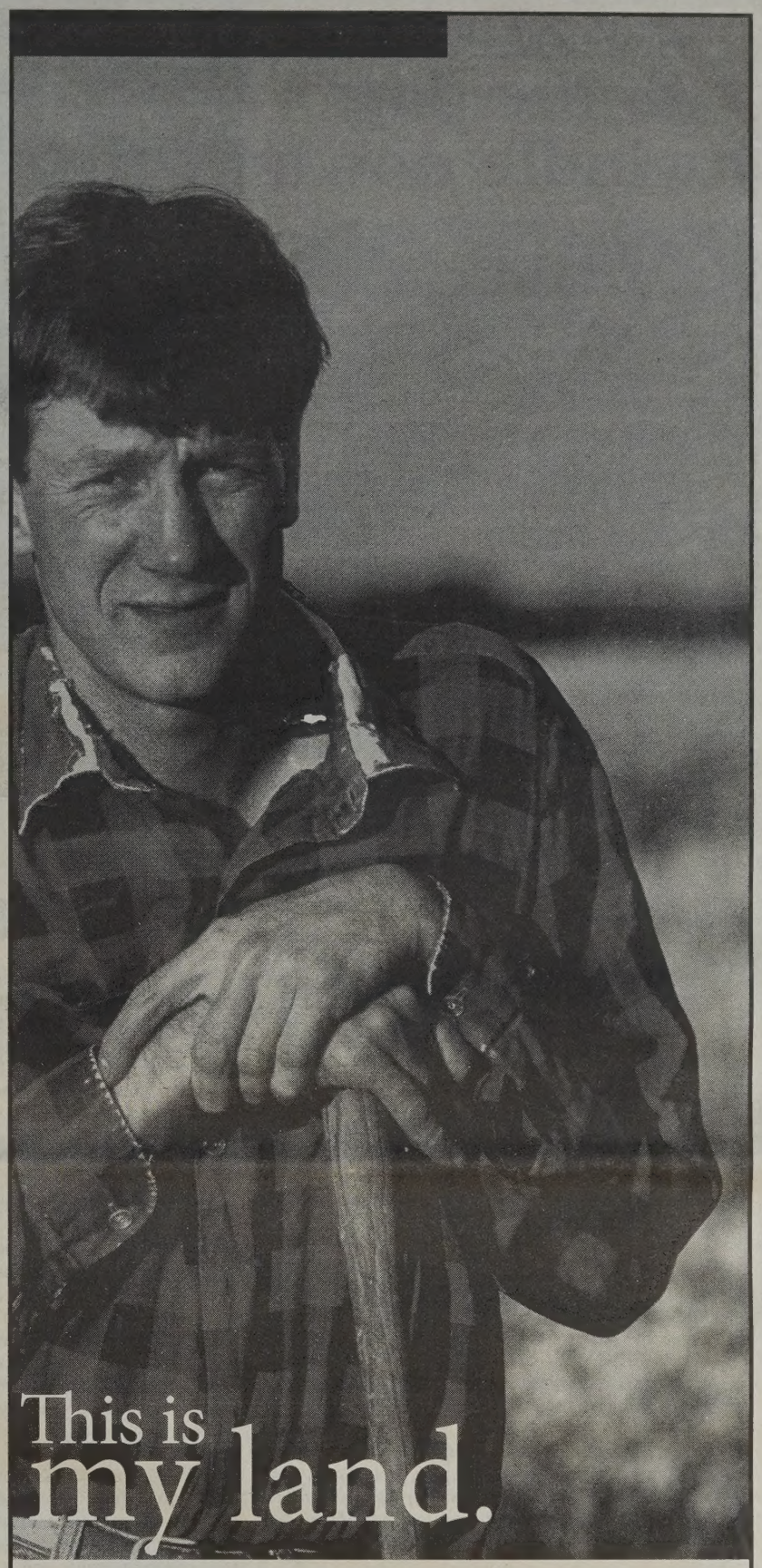

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Editorial

As the days dwindle down

Six days before Christmas, and lots yet to do,
Ever since Extravaganza, the days, they just flew.
Now we've concerts and brunch, festivities galore -
And we've got to find time to vacuum the floor.

The lights are a-glitter in the year's longest night,
The judges out touring will be amazed at the sight
Of inflated Santas and spiraling trees,
Gigantic snow globes, wise men on their knees.

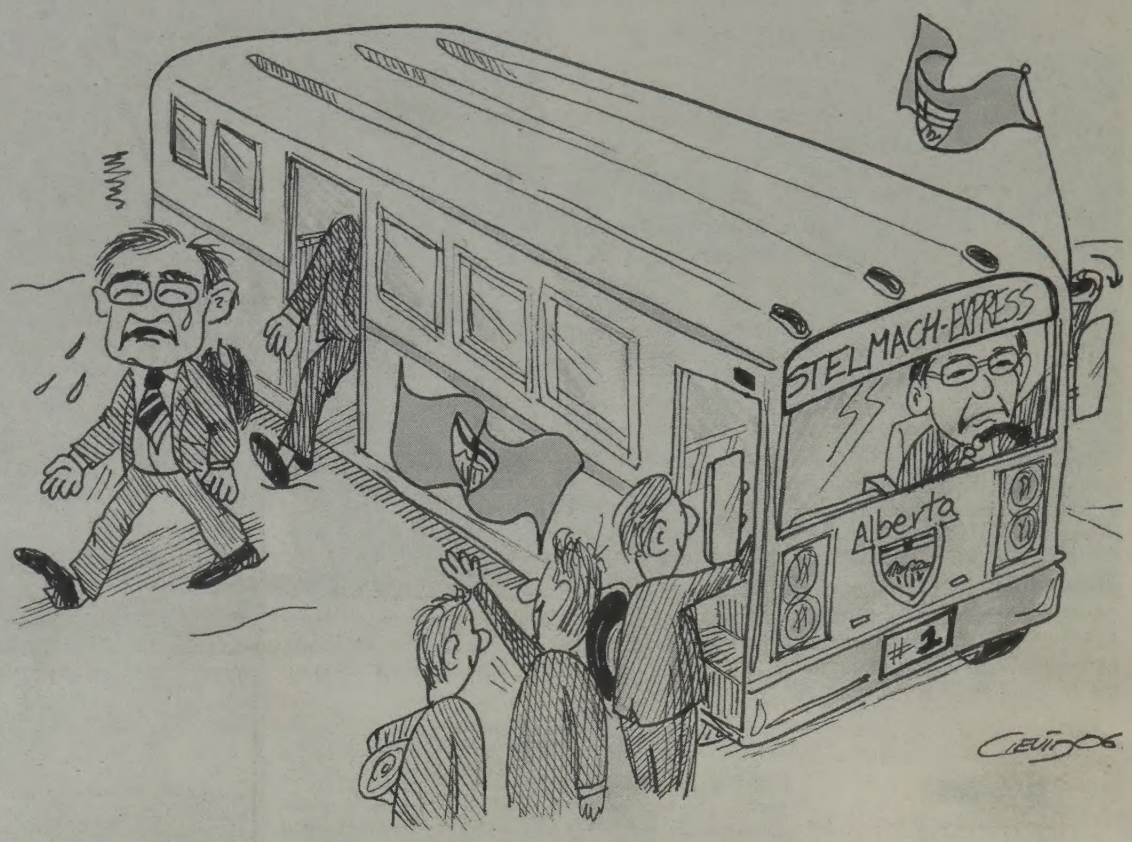
The choirs practice carols they'll sing by candlelight,
In shadowy churches on the most holy of nights.
Their notes will soar high to the wondrous star
As the faithful murmur prayers for those near and far.

The stores are all busy, shoppers all in a flap,
Pursuing last-minute items when they'd rather nap.
Seeking light bulbs, marshmallows,olives and all
The trappings of Christmas they forgot at the mall.

Nervous children are huddled along the school hall:
They're on stage next, and fear they've forgotten all
The lines they've been practicing night after night,
Hoping, they'll remember under spotlights so bright.

May your fir tree be fragrant, your turkey be brown,
May peace spread its blanket on country and town,
May your gifts be delightful, your guests you enjoy,
And wishes come true for each girl and each boy.

Merry Christmas, everyone!



Way Back When...

Taxi service, ATV bylaw, surfboard in Santa's sack

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of December 19 in...

1986

Santa brought Elk Point seniors living in Heritage Lodge, Buckingham House, Fort George Manor and their own homes a new once-weekly taxi service to the downtown area and return. Elk Point Regional Recreation and Cultural Board held their last meeting before disbanding as of December 31, with their functions being taken over by the Town's administration and the Elks Lodge.

1991

Elk Point Community Choir saluted the season at their second annual Christmas concert, with a packed crowd on hand. Heinsburg's 60-foot spruce was decked from tip to trunk with lights donated by businesses and individuals, and was lighted up following a winter wiener roast and carol sing.

1996

The Town of Elk Point passed their off-highway vehicle bylaw, regulating the movement of snowmobiles, ATVs and any other type of off-road vehicle within town limits/. Down-home country Christmas entertainment was featured at Heinsburg's annual Community Christmas supper.

2001

Santa gave up sleigh and reindeer to face the challenges as a survivor and a surfer in a pair of entertaining concerts at Elk Point Elementary School. Bernice Capjack won Town Council's by-election seat, collecting 147 out of 182 votes cast by Elk Point residents.

Guest Column

Christmas celebration

deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

What is all involved with our Christmas celebration? First of all, what is important about the date? The exact dating of Christmas has been a subject of great debate and disagreement, although tradition and custom has it affixed now to Dec. 25. This date has little to do with the actual Christian history and much to do with attempts by Christians to appeal to potential pagan converts by appropriating their own festivals of Saturnalia and Brumalia. Indeed the earliest calendars to even list Dec. 25 as Christmas do no appear until 336 CE. Before then, it was celebrated on Jan. 6.) There is no hint in the Gospels about the time of the year when Jesus is supposed to have been born - except that it couldn't have been midwinter, because in that part of the world this is the rainy season and shepherds would not be out at night. This means that early Christianity found itself in the odd position of trying to tell everyone about what they claimed was the most tremendous birth ever without being able to say when it happened. It is entirely coincidental that in 274 CE, when the winter solstice fell on Dec. 25, pagan emperor Aurelian proclaimed this day as Natalis Solis Invicti, the festival of the birth of the invincible sun. Throughout Europe, Christianity was known for supplanting pagan celebrations and holy places in an effort to speed conversion, and it is easy to see as an another example of the same.

The mot important Christian aspect to modern celebrations of Christmas is probably the figure of Santa Claus. This character can be traced back to Saint Nicholas, a patron saint of children, on whose day (Dec. 6(gifts were traditionally given to kids. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia (in Turkey) at some point before 350 CE. Noting outside of legends is really known about him anymore, but the most persistent symbolism for him is his devotion to children. The American association between him and presents stems from the Dutch, who still give gifts to kids on his feast day. The American "Santa Claus" appears to be a mispronunciation of the Dutch "Sinter Klaus," colloquial for Saint Nicholas. Did you know that Thomas Nast actually is responsible for having drawn the physical pictures of Santa Claus and giving people a common, shared vision of the main secular symbol of an increasingly secular holiday.

Queen Victoria came from a German family and, unlike English families, she celebrated Christmas with a small decorated indoor tree. Then, as today, people obsessed over royalty, and they were particularly infatuated when their teenaged Queen ascended the throne. Then, as today, people wanted to be fashionable and adopt what their role models did - in this case, the tree tradition.Of course, today we add much more decorations to our celebrations.

What about our Christmas shopping focus? Blame it on World War II. During the conflict, people had to shop early in order to get Christmas gifts to the troops overseas in time. Merchants, of course, benefited from the early shopping and made a point of reminding people to shop early - but they never stopped. And so the lengthy holiday shopping season was born and it's been getting longer ever since. By and large, the spirit of giving has become predicated upon a spirit of buying.

Such is our modern Christmas, a large number of ancient pagan traditions, a few pieces of Christian tradition, and then a large number of modern creations. However, celebration of the birth of our Saviour spent around family time seems to be the focus for many of us. So to everyone, may you experience a Merry Christmas that is special to you.

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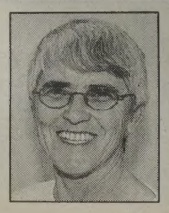
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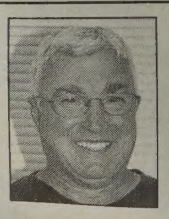
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Message of hope, forgiveness in Baptist Church Christmas play

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Not a single shepherd or wise man crossed the stage of Elk Point Baptist Church on Sunday, but while the traditional stable scene was replaced by an upscale urban living room in their annual play, the message of Christmas rang loud and clear.

Promising young lawyer Erin had just won a prestigious case, but while her co-workers were quite ready to celebrate both the victory and Christmas, there was no joy in her heart. She declined their invitations to join them for the festivities, assuring them that she doesn't feel left out.

Colored lights and smoke set an eerie scene as hooded figures dragged a young woman forward and bound her with ropes, only to be interrupted by a white-robed Saviour, who chased them off and undid the bonds as the Quist family sang a stirring number, :Set Me Free."

Sitting alone in her apartment, Erin e was surprised by the appearance of a little girl, who claims that her name is Lindsay, and that Erin is her mother.

"My Lindsay? How can that be?" Erin exclaimed.

"Jesus said you needed me, that you were sad," the little one replied. "Why didn't you want me?"

Erin told a familiar story. As a hard-working young student on her way to her dream, she had become pregnant, and had chosen to abort the baby. After that, she said, "God looked away from me."

The small angel assured her she forgave her, and that God wanted to set her free.

The two sat down to read the Christmas story, with Erin falling asleep as the little girl read. When she awoke, alone, she searched frantically for Lindsay, finally going to her co-worker's house, where when that compassionate young woman heard her story, she assured Erin that what the angel had said was true.

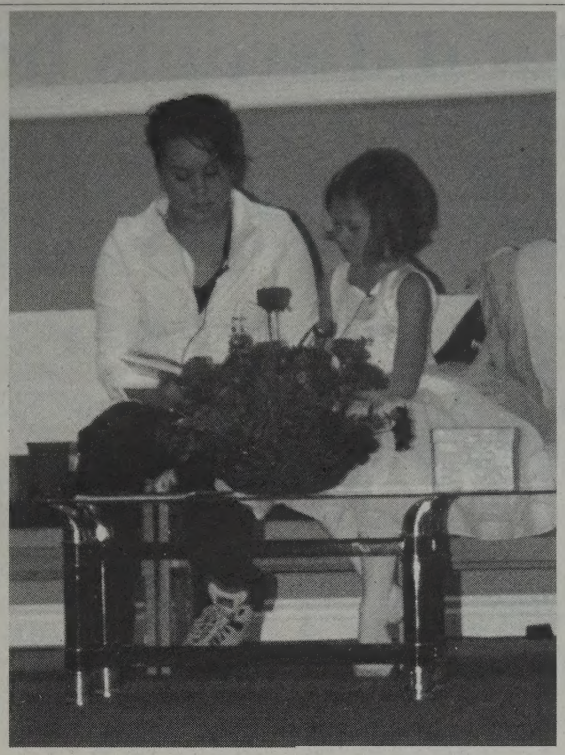
"God wants to set you free. That's what Christmas is all about," her friend said, referring to the appropriate passages of scripture and offering to pray with her.

There was joy in heaven when the little angel learned her mother had given her heart to Jesus, and the stage was son lined with triumphant young candle-bearers, who came forward as the Quist family sang "One Small Saviour."

"So many people need to be set free from thing in their past," Pastor Jim MacLellan said, proclaiming "the gospel of good news," and complimenting the creators on a play "brilliantly written and performed."

The morning ended as it had started, with more music led by the Quists, before everyone was invited downstairs for a carnival-style lunch, followed by face painting and an ice-fishing pond for the youngsters and horse-drawn wagon rides, a blazing bonfire and other activities for the whole family.

The Baptist congregation also visited Heritage Lodge on Sunday for a service and carol singing.



Daughter of her dreams

Erin's long-ago aborted daughter came back in the form of an angel to help her mother find God's forgiveness.

Vicki Brooker photo

Christmas seaon is upon us once again and Allan and his merry elves wish you a safe journey to visit your families.
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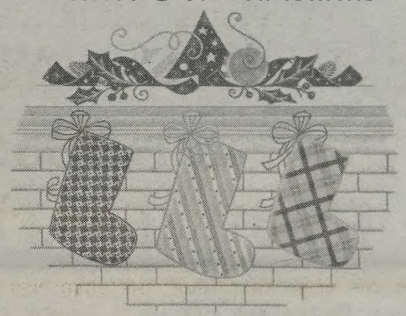

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Winter wonderland disrupts hockey schedule

All dressed up with no place to go. It was anticipated all week, the **Midget Colts** returning to the Dome for a home game. Friday night used to be the best night for hockey in the old Thunder days. Friday nightlights, only the last time the Colts played here it was Friday night fights. The music man was ready; he couldn't wait to play " Why can't we be friends? " And then it happened, a huge disappointment, the game of the week was cancelled; and not due to the weather either, this game was cancelled before the big storm even started. It wasn't the Storm that halted the game, it was the men in stripes, or lack thereof, there wasn't any to be had on Friday night. Bummer. Now you know why it's very important the next time you want to criticize one of our young officials, first count to ten and think about it again.

Saturday was a disappointing day also; but this time Mother Nature was to blame, all the games scheduled for Saturday were cancelled, and you can understand why, with the drifting snow and white outs it was just too dangerous to risk driving, especially if you had to head home after dark.

I don't know what's wrong with this younger generation. When I was a kid we used to walk two miles, through knee-deep snow, uphill, then shovel off the pond before we played. Well, that might be a little bit of an exaggeration, I don't think it was uphill, but we did walk down the road to the neighbors pond, sometimes with our skates on, okay, maybe it was only half a mile but I do remember pushing the snow off the pond before we played, that part is true, trust me, you never forget something like that.

doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

Lucky for you guys, some teams did venture out on Sunday to play hockey games or I would have to fill this space with some more old tales of the past. But this sounds like a tale of the past as well, a good old hockey game played on natural ice in Goodsoil, Saskatchewan.

Atom Avs test Saskatchewan ice

The Atom Avalanche after digging out of the snow bank, traveled across the line Sunday, east over the border into the flat land, Goodsoil Saskatchewan to play on natural ice. It's too bad the kids didn't have to scrap the ice in between periods and put some wood in the stove, and travel by dog team, something like that!

Rylan Buffalo scored the first goal blasting a bullet from the point. The towering blond defense women # 7 Lindsey MacDonald scored her first of the year, " Naz Jr." Colin Nazarchuk finding the mesh with two, and the green light is still on for the rushing defenseman Logan "Back Checker" Becker who added five goals. Roel Lowry, although she was all around the net, couldn't buy a goal, but she did help out with an assist, Brandon Garrett also assisting. This game was a whole lot closer than the score indicated, the Avalanche were only leading by a score of 4 to 1 after 40 minutes when the flood gates opened up in the third, the final 10 to 2. Sounds a little bit like the Leafs game Saturday night.

Midget Colts on the road

The Midget Colts traveled west to Saddle Lake on Sunday played very well, but not good enough, they lost 4 to 3 in the end, Chevy Botting, Ian Jurak and Taylor Brodbin scoring for the Colts. On Friday, Jan. 29, the Colts are scheduled to play Glendon in Elk Point at 8p.m., let's keep our fingers crossed and hopefully this one will happen.

Home for the holidays.

My buddy Mark "the Marksman" Letestu is home for a week from Kalamazoo, Michigan (it's true, that's the name of the place, I looked it up on the internet myself to be sure it wasn't a joke) where he is attending college and playing hockey in the NCAA with the Western Michigan Broncos. "The Marksman", still a rookie by the way, is leading his team in points, but was there ever any doubt he would! Not from this guy, he has made his "Mark" everywhere he has played and there's no doubt some important people in the big leagues are starting to notice him now too! Welcome home, Mark.

Here's a little guy who's making some points also, Brandon "the Roadrunner" Rainey, playing peewee AA in Cold Lake, scored a hat trick in last weeks game and leads his team in points. And another guy who's doing really well, my buddy "Electric Lenny" Gadowski and his curling team are leading the super league, only losing once in league play this year.

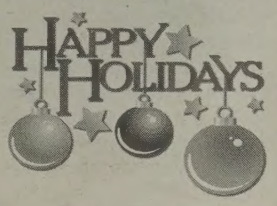
Six more sleeps!

It's the final count down; only six more sleeps, remember to be good, cause Santa is watching. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!!!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: " I have four guys who don't understand a word I'm saying, 10 guys who do understand but don't do a thing I tell them to do, and another four who aren't good enough to do what I tell them to do.'

Last week's answer to: " Tell him he's Wayne Gretzky."- Edmonton coach Ted Green after Shaun van Allen was knocked out in a game and couldn't remember who he was.

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@



Truck vandalized

By Cst. J. R. Tremblay
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

Sometime between the hours of 8 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 6 a.m. on Dec. 15, a truck was vandalized at a residence on 48 Street and 51 Ave. in Elk Point. The truck's signal light markers were stolen.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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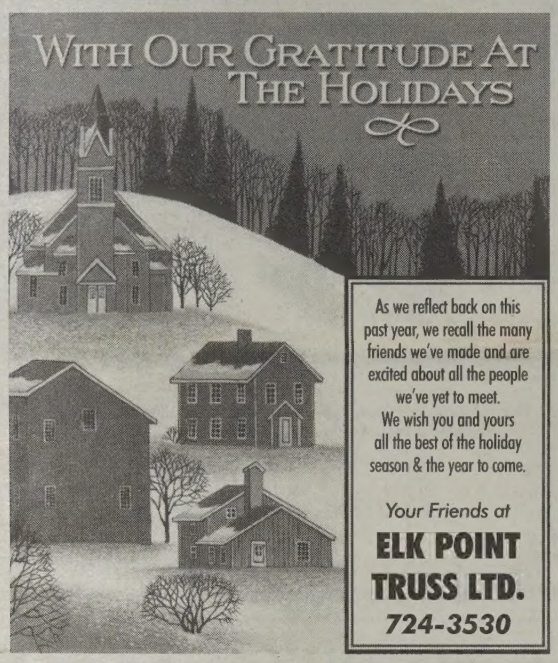

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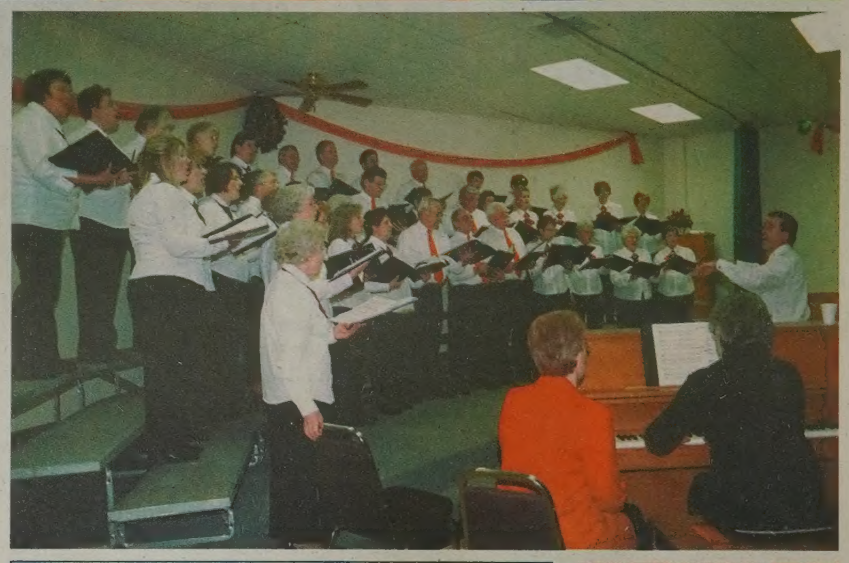
Singing in the season

Shaun Sheplawy, Kerry Anderson, Kelsey Mueller and Garry Townsend were featured in "Instrument of Peace" (top left), Elk Point Community Choir was directed by Udo Mueller and accompanied by Deanna Easthope (top right), and Don Buryn took over the direction of Les Musicos as they sung "This Peaceful Night" (right).



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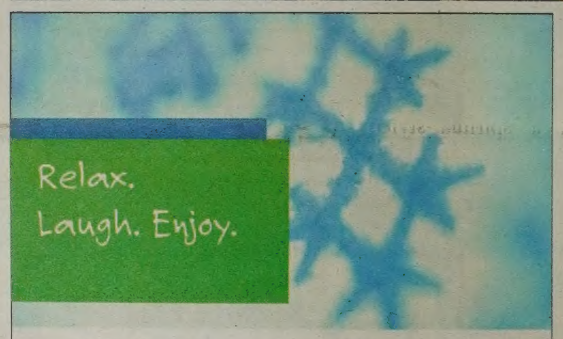

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Robyn Sieben added a flute solo to Elk Point Community Choir's "Bethlehem Wind."

Vicki Brooker photos

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Choirs combine talents

Two choirs, three directors, two accompanists and even two page turners combined their talents in last Friday's Elk Point Community Choir Christmas concert. Here, director Laurier Levasseur and accompanist Lorraine Cabaj of Les Musicos lead the combined choirs in "A Gift for Every Child."

Vicki Brooker photo

Singing in the snowstorm

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Singing during a snowstorm is nothing new for Elk Point Community Choir, although neither they nor their guests, Les Musicos from St. Paul, pleaded, "Let it snow! :et it snow!" during Friday night's 17th annual Christmas concert at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

The heavy snow and strong winds resulted in a smaller than usual audience, but those who braved the elements were treated to a delightful program of seasonal songs.

Don Conrad thanked everyone for their support of the choir over the years, both by attendance at the twice-yearly concerts and the annual dinner theatres, as well as through the purchase of recordings and cookbooks. At that point, he said, he had 175 tickets left out of 1,400 for the 2007 dinner theatre production, "Tons of Money." He also thanked the Pioneer Circle for the use of their facility for practices and concerts.

The Community Choir, directed by Udo Mueller and with Deanna Easthope at the piano and twins Kristin and Ashlee Buryn turning the pages, started off the program with six numbers, starting with the traditional "Coventry Carol, followed by the upbeat a capella "Goin' to Jerusalem." Darren Pilisko on clarinet was featured in "Canon of Joy." "A Madrigal for Advent" was followed by a new arrangement of a classic in "Minuet Noel." Kerry Anderson was both soloist and part of a quartet, along with Kelsey Mueller, Garry Townsend and Shaun Sheplawy, for the final number of the set, "Instrument of Peace."

Director Laurier Levasseur and accompanist Lorraine Cabaj led the 37-member Les Musicos in the next five numbers. Father and son, Roland Rocque Sr. and Roland Rocque Jr., were powerful soloists in the exquisite "O Holy Night." A French carol, " Il Est Ne," a sprightly rendition of "This Peaceful Night" directed by Don Buryn, a spiritual-styled "Steady My Tremblin' Soul" where Roland Rocque Jr. shone as soloist, and "Christmas Tidings" rounded out their part of the program.

The Community Choir returned with "A Quintet of Carols" with Barb Buryn at the piano. The melodious "Bethlehem Wind" featured a flute solo by Robyn Sieben, while Kloe Coleman and Darren Pilisko were featured as soloists in "Candle in the Window." Coleman was again in the spotlight, along with Shelby Mueller and Ashlee Buryn, as percussionists in an "African Advent Carol" accompanied by Kerry Anderson on piano. The choir's final number was "The Mansions of the Land."

Elk Point's choir director took a few moments while Les Musicos joined his group for the final two numbers, to thank the audience for venturing out on "a most inhospitable of evenings." Mueller noted that "every Christmas is a busy time,. The to-do list goes on and on, every year I'm a little more tired and a little less excited, after 50 or so Christmas celebrations so far. Ironically, we do all this so we can take time for ourselves." He expressed special thanks to Blaine Easthope, Shirley Osinchuk, Cheryl Kurash and accompanists Deanna Easthope, Barb Buryn and Kerry Anderson, choir president Don Conrad and his executive, and to the choir members for all their ongoing efforts.

The massed, choir, with Levasseur directing and Cabaj accompanying, sang "A Gift For Every Child" and concluded with Mueller directing and Easthope accompanying the traditional favourite, "Angels We Have Heard on High."

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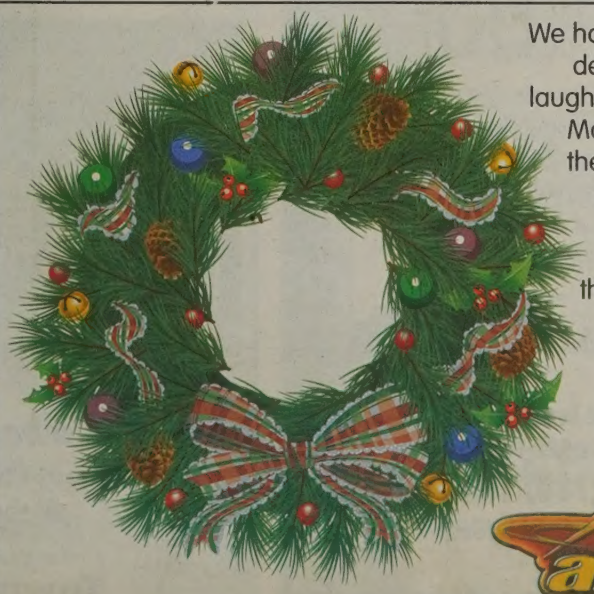
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Elk Point helps grandparents in Africa

By Diana Anderson
Review Contributor

Here are the pictures taken at Lushoto, a district that sits high in the Usambara Mountains of Northern Tanzania. It is apparently a beautiful and lush countryside dotted with numerous villages that are 20 to 30 miles apart. The only mode of transportation is by bicycle (for the fortunate few who have them) on dirt roads.

The economy is based on agriculture and most villagers are able to only meet their own needs and sell some produce at the local market. The area has huge potential for tourism, but there is no infrastructure and the area is very poor.

Most children do not go to school because they must be boarded out in the nearest town that has a facility. The cost of boarding, food, uniforms, books and health care is $1,000 to $1,500 per child which puts it completely out of reach for these people.

When the disease AIDS began taking away the parents, it left the grandparents alone with no way to raise money to look after the children.

A group from Drayton Valley raised support for an orphanage in Lushoto and was going to Africa to deliver the funds directly. They took the money that Elk Point raised at our Grandparents' Day walk-a-thon and personally hand-delivered it to several African grandparents in need. The delegation was overwhelmed by the extreme poverty that these poor people were living in.

An example is Fatima Rashidi who is trying to raise seven grandchildren by herself, forced to live in two rooms (not side by side) on dirt floors, mud walls, one stove and one bed for all of them. Eric Nelson, a councillor from the town of Drayton Valley, was so disturbed by this situation that he went to his Visa and took out the $5,000 needed to build her a decent four-room house. Some of the grandchildren are living with AIDS that they contracted from their parents with no money available to pay for the medications that would help. *(Continued on Page 11)*

Photo submitted

Fatima Rashidi and one of the seven grandchildren she is trying to raise by herself, shown in the kitchen of her mud hut.

All The Best at the Holidays

Gold may be precious and diamonds rare, but it's your friendship that I treasure most of all! With best wishes to all of my neighbors for a holiday that's merry and bright and as special as you are to me. Thanks!

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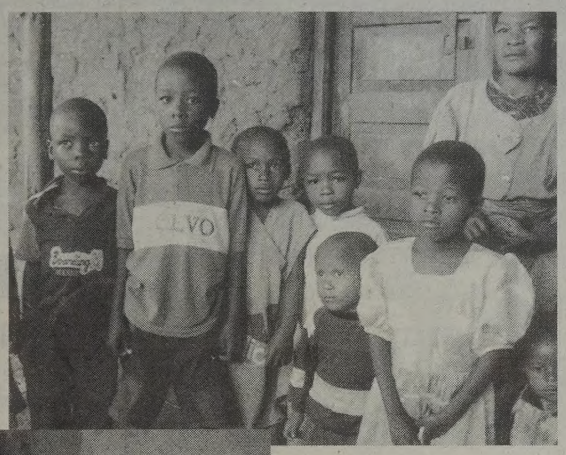
Photos submitted

This African village version of the shopping mall is located in downtown Lushoto, an agricultural community in a beautiful but very poor region.

Grateful recipients

Among the African grandparents assisted by the donations raised at Elk Point's Grandparents' Day walk-a-thon were Omari Mngazija (far right) and cancer victim Asha Saide (below) who are both doing their best to raise grandchildren who have been orphaned by AIDS.



Local help goes to aid African grandparents

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It is a desperate situation. The money that Elk Point raised was like a gift from Heaven to those grandparents. They cried and could not believe that complete strangers halfway around the world in a frozen land would have the love and compassion in their hearts to reach out to help them.

To each and every person and business who contributed, I cannot thank you enough. Through the Council of Aging (a charitable, volunteer organization that works on behalf of seniors), we can make this a provincial project. Not only can we raise funds to help feed these children but we also need to strive toward educating at least one child per family so they can work toward improving their lives. That is where their future lies.

Elk Point has led the way! We have shown that one small rural town in Alberta can make a difference in the world today. If anyone wants more details about this project or would like to help, please call me at 724-4072.

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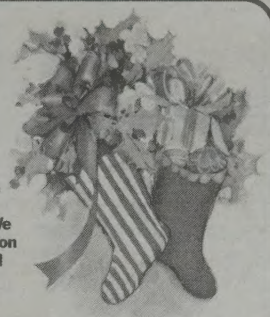

May you and your family enjoy a Christmas stuffed with lots of magic, merriment and delight. We know we're filled with appreciation when we think of the many good folk we've had the pleasure to serve this year. Happy Holidays!

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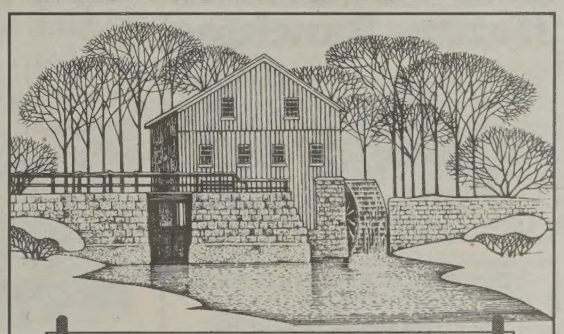

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Snow removal above average in County of St. Paul

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

As the snow continues to fall, the County of St. Paul is anticipating above average snow removal for the year, and quite possibly could be pushed passed its budget.

"We're way above average," says County CAO Kim Heyman of this year's snow removal. She added that she "wouldn't be surprised" if the County surpassed its budget this year.

"At this time, we're looking okay," she explains. But, there are still a few payrolls to run for the year, and when operators submit December time tickets in the New Year, the County could be pushed passed its budget.

"It really is too soon to tell," says Heyman. But, "the snow gods don't really care what we budget."

When creating the budget, the County looks at the past three years and gauges its budget based on those numbers, increasing labour and machine costs as needed. She added that if the County must go over its budget, it would be to a minimum amount.

"It's a balancing act," says Heyman. Every day, graders are out clearing County roads, with priority being given to main roads and school bus routes.

"We've got every available piece of machinery out there," she explains. "We do our best to clear (the snow) as quickly as we can." She adds that keeping 2,200 km of roads clear can be tough.

In addition, if ratepayers would like their driveways cleared, they can purchase a flag from the County office for $20 each time it snows. There are many ratepayers who take advantage of this service, says Heyman.

Season's Greetings
Our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.
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By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

In various choirs and churches we will sing a carol that dates back to the 12th Century. It was translated from the Latin in the 19th Century yet it is frequently heard still today. It is the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Jesus' birth was the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies. Israel long awaited the coming of their Messiah. And finally the long awaited heavenly announcement came—"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:11).

Why all this anticipation? Why all the fuss? Emmanuel means, literally: "with us is God". Christians understand that it speaks of their Messiah, our Savior. Here God becomes visible to all. To realize that God Himself came to earth and was plainly seen is worth all the fuss!

How do you and I see Him today? We see Him, the Incarnate Word, through the Inspired Word – the Bible. Is that all we have to do? I mean, just read the Bible? No! In order for there to be a revolution of our souls, we need to also see Him with our hearts – in our very core of our being. How can that happen? It can happen by implementing another important reason that Jesus came. He came to bear the wrath of God for our sins – which we all deserve. By turning from the impending doom of our sins, to faith in Christ, He by a miracle (not unlike the miracle of Mary's conception) comes to live in our hearts. Then, and only then will God be truly with us – for He will be in us.

From the congregation of Elk Point Baptist Church, its pastors and leaders, we wish you a God-entranced Christmas. May you, through the Biblical Gospel, experience God with you. We are honored to serve the community of Elk Point and the surrounding area. Please come and join us for special Christmas services on Christmas Eve at 10:00 a.m.; and an exceptional candle-light service again at 6:30 p.m.

Have a blessed Christmas and a life transforming New Year!

Angels jump for joy

Two small angels jump for joy as they learn that Jesus has forgiven Erin and released her from the bonds of grief and sorrow, above. At right is the entire cast of the Baptist Christmas play.

We'll be going home for Christmas

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

It's time to stock up on books, magazines and videos for the Christmas holidays, because we will be closed for the whole week between Christmas and New Year's.

Our last day is Friday, Dec. 22, and we will close at 5 p.m. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m. We will also be closed Thursday, Jan. 4 for inventory. Sorry for any inconvenience. You may use the outside book return while we are closed.

Because some of you, and maybe some of us, will be away for the holidays, we are moving the first Seniors' Tea of 2007 back a week to Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. Please mark that date on your brand-new calendars.

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The increase comes as the Library System is creating its 2007 budget. The increase will mean the County will pay an extra $921.75 to the Library System.

Later during council, a motion by Coun. Maxine Fodness to accept a 10 per cent funding increase requested by the St. Paul Library Board was defeated by council. Had the request been accepted $1,229 more would have been given to the board by the County.

Building permits

As a result of the County's main contractor retiring, a separate company will be hired by the County to deal with building permits.

The company chosen by the County to deal with permits is Superior Safety Codes.

"We found what we thought was a pretty good match," said Heyman. "Finding qualified contractors is hard."

Recreational facilities grants

Council passed a motion which will give the Ashmont Legion, Frog Lake Community Club, St. Vincent Recreational Society and the St. Lina and District Ag Society $600 each in Recreational facilities grants. The Elk Point Ag Society will receive $1,500.

Chamber funding

Council passed a motion to grant local Chambers of Commerce the same amount of funding that was given to them last year.

The St. Paul and District Chamber of Commerce will receive $10,000 while the Elk Point branch will receive $4,500 and the Mallaig branch $1,500.

Alberta 55 Plus Games

Council passed a motion to write a letter of support to host the 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter of Summer Games in 2009.

Appointments

Eleanor Zimmerman has agreed to represent Division 4 on the FCSS board following the resignation of the previous Division 4 board member.

Heyman and Ockerman were named to the Youth Advisory Committee.

Pioneer Circle bingo

Dec. 10, 2006

Elsie Oryschuk $10, Ivy Ference $10, Dan Demchuk $20, Annie Stanley $20, Rose Anderson $156, Helen Trach $7, Ray Wooldridge $7, Virginia Smereka $10, Ruby Lajimodiere $20, Adeline Trach $20, Helga Vaughan $10, Annie Stanley $10, Gladys Diesel $20, Viola Yarmuch $10, Vurginia Lajimodiere $10, Pat Dion $50, Sylvester Gladue $20, Muriel Moen$10, Caroline Shankowski $42, Debbie Orr $41, Jay Duffee $24, Stephie John$4, Harry Shankowski $4, Josie Zarowny $4, Adeline Trach $4, Ann Stesko $50, Sophie Schmidt $32, Bonnie Stanley $32, John Wozniak $42, Kay Wozniak $42, Sylvester Gladue $22, Hazel Hannah $22.

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